

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend on page 5, the paragraph beginning at line 23 as follows:

As the solution for preparing the sample, ~~there can be used water,~~ an SDS solution, [[or]] a solution prepared by adding 2-mercaptoethanol or dithiothreitol to SDS-Tris-borate solution or ~~the like~~ water as a solvent by itself can be used. Water is especially preferable, from the viewpoints of improvement in peak intensity, improvement in peak separation degree, improvement in detection limit and improvement in determination accuracy.

Please amend on page 6, the paragraph beginning at line 4 as follows:

As the water, those waters usually used in the electrophoresis of a protein, such as ultrapure water, deionized water, ~~Milli-Q~~ MILLI-Q water can be used, and ~~Milli-Q~~ MILLI-Q water is especially preferably used.